



# Naturopathic News

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## Renewal Certificates New Look Adopted For 2003

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NPBOMEX has instituted a new computerized renewal process. This year's renewal is a three-section perforated document.

The larger portion to the left is for your record of this year's renewal. You may also frame this section as the renewal if you choose and hang it on your wall.

The top right portion can be trimmed and laminated at a commercial copy center as a wallet card to identify you as a licensed physician. The wallet-size card addresses the concern voiced by several physicians regarding identification as a licensee at a pharmacy or elsewhere.

The third section lower right is to be placed in the lower right corner of the original framed license issued to you by this Board or in the lower right corner of *last year's framed renewal*. If you choose to use the larger section on the left as a framed renewal, you do not have to use this section.

The duplicate license document has only two sections. The top right is blank. See above for usage of other sections.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call.

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### NPBOMEX Online [www.npbomex.az.gov](http://www.npbomex.az.gov)

Our web page is evolving into a major source of information for constituents licensed and certified by this Board. We strongly suggest that you log onto the site as often as possible as this is becoming the main avenue for updating the

profession. An example is that the site contains the newest laws and rules directly affecting each of you.

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## NEW RULES IN PLACE

*New rules have been adopted by the Board  
~ Your Responsibility ~*

**Many things have changed from the previous rules and you are responsible to know and understand these changes.** The new rules are the first substantive change in nearly 20 years. Visit our website at [www.npbomex.az.gov](http://www.npbomex.az.gov) to download your copy.

The new rule package was adopted by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council on August 9, 2002 becoming effective on that date. The rules package was the outgrowth of a group effort between Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine, the AzNMA, and the Board over the last year and a half. They are similar in many respects to the rules regulating other medical professions.

Three areas still need to be developed: dispensing, medical assistants, and chelation / experimental procedures. Look for a rules package on these subjects next year. If you have any input on these subjects, feel free to contact the Board.

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## Proposed Legislation for 2003

The Board has proposed new laws for the next legislative session that cover several areas. Among these are defining clinical nutrition to include parenteral administration of substances normally found in the human body, including homeopathic preparations defined as controlled substances as drugs approved for naturopathic

physicians to use, and rewriting the sections on Board disciplinary actions to reflect language similar to the language in the allopathic statutes.

A copy of the proposed legislation will be posted on our website as soon as it is available. Feel free to contact the board with any suggestions.

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## **CME's for 2002 And Beyond**

The required CME for this year continues to be 15 hours. Starting with 2003, the requirement is 30 hours. There are several other requirements on what can be used for CME and how many hours are allowable in the category. Visit our website, [www.npbomex.az.gov](http://www.npbomex.az.gov), and review the new rules and laws. As of last August, there are several areas of change.

Certificates and other documents attesting to the amount of CME earned must be kept at your office for 3 consecutive years because you may be audited. During an office compliance inspection, you will be required to show these to the compliance officer as proof of satisfactory completion CME credit hours.

### **Statistics! The News is Good**

Physicians licensed in Arizona	311
Medical Students	101
Postgraduate Training Programs	7
Preceptee's	12
Dispensing Facilities For Profit	179
Dispensing Facilities Not for Profit	20
Naturopathic Medical Assistance	17

## **PHARMACOTHERAPEUTICS**

The initial 15-hour module in pharmacotherapeutics has been designed and was presented at the AzNMA conference in November. The module will be offered again in early 2003. Everyone who wishes to continue prescribing pharmaceuticals will be required to complete the 60-hour (four 15-hour modules) course and pass an examination prior to 2005. Contact the AzNMA @ 480-461-1255 or

[AzNMA.com](http://AzNMA.com) to register.

Module 1 and Test over Module 1: January 18 & 19  
Module 1 and Module 2: Courses & tests – March 8 & 9.

Module 3 will be given by the end of 2003 and  
Module 4 will be in 2004.

All classes and tests to be given at SCNMM

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## **Renewal Deadlines** **2003 ~ A.R.S. 32-1526**

(C) Each physician who holds an **active license** to practice naturopathic medicine in this state shall renew the license on or before January 1 of each year by supplying the executive director with information the board determines is necessary and payment of the annual renewal fee prescribed in section 32-1527.

(D) A physician who holds a **certificate to dispense** shall renew the certificate on or before July 1 of each year by supplying the executive director with information the board determines is necessary and by paying the annual renewal fee prescribed in section 32-1527

(E) A person who holds a **certificate as a medical assistant** shall renew the certificate on or before July 1 of each year by supplying the executive director with information the board determines is necessary and by paying the annual renewal fee prescribed in section 32-1527

(F) A person who holds a **certificate to conduct an internship, a preceptorship or a clinical training program, a postdoctoral training program or a school of naturopathic medicine** shall renew the certificate on or before January 1 of each year by supplying the executive director with information the board determines is necessary and by paying the annual renewal fee prescribed in section 32-1527

(H.) A naturopathic **medical student** who holds a certificate to engage in a clinical training program shall renew the certificate for each year of the student's clinical training by supplying the

executive director with information the board determines is necessary and paying the annual renewal fee prescribed in section 32-1527. The initial annual renewal date shall be one year after the board approved the application for the clinical training program.

(I) A person who is a graduate of an approved school of naturopathic medicine and who holds a **certificate to engage in an internship program or a preceptorship program** shall renew the

certificate for each year of the person's internship or preceptorship by supplying the executive director with information the board determines is necessary and paying the annual renewal fee prescribed in section 32-1527. The initial annual renewal date shall be one year after the board approved the application for the internship or the preceptorship.

(J) A person who fails to renew a license or certificate within thirty days after the due date shall pay a late renewal fee for late renewal as prescribed in section 32-1527. A person who fails to do so within sixty days after the due date without adequate cause acceptable to the board is subject to probation, suspension or revocation pursuant to section 32-1551.

All of the above and more can be viewed on [WWW.npbomex.az.gov](http://WWW.npbomex.az.gov).

**Naturopathic Physicians Board of Medical Examiners  
Board Meeting Schedule for 2003.**

January 9	July 10
February 13	August 14
March 13	September 11
April 10	October 9
May 8	November 13
June 12	December 11

*Ms. Jeanne Marie Martin, past Chair and long time member of the Naturopathic Physicians Board of Medical Examiners, passed away November 20, 2002. Jeanne was appointed to the Board in 1993 by Governor Symington and reappointed by Governor Hull in 1998. Her contribution to the profession has been significant. She will be greatly missed. The Assistance League of Arizona was Jeanne's favorite charity. Anyone wishing to donate to that fund may do so by sending a contribution in her name to: Assistance League of Arizona, 7044 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Phoenix, AZ 85020.*

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## **New Staff Member Joins NPBOMEX**

In July of this year, *Ms. Gail Anthony* joined the staff as Executive Secretary. She has been instrumental in organizing and streamlining the day-to-day activities of your Board. She comes to us from the medical office of Dr. Samuel Walker, NMD and is a native of Arizona.

# Welcome New Physicians

*From Arizona*

**Dr. Laura Boe**

**Dr. Damien Brandeis**  
**Dr. Rebecca Carpenter**  
**Dr. Kerri Clark-Heidel**  
**Dr. Eugene Eihausen**  
**Dr. Julie Keiffer**  
**Dr. Jeffrey Knytych**  
**Dr. Mariam Malek**  
**Dr. Sharon Stills**  
**Dr. Roxie Strand**  
**Dr. James Tuggle**  
**Dr. Eric Udell**  
**Dr. Mercedes Williams**  
**Dr. Maureen Wilson**

*From Out of State*

**Dr. Shahrzad Orona - Oregon**  
**Dr. Tara Barker - Oregon.**  
**Dr. Samuel Ross Dunbar, Jr - Oregon**  
**Dr. Mona Morstein - Montana**  
**Dr. David Daily - Oregon**  
**Dr. Christina Compton - Canada**

*From Retirement*

**Dr. Melvin Sipe**

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**\*\* Medical Advisory \*\***  
**Cafergot Plus CYP 3A4**

“Nov. 14, 2002 – Serious and/or life-threatening peripheral ischemia has been associated with the coadministration of Cafergot with potent CYP A4 inhibitors., including protease inhibitors and macrolide antibiotics, the US. Food and Drug Administration reported. Cafergot is indicated for the treatment of migraine and vascular headache.

“CYP 3A4 inhibition elevates the serum levels of Cafergot (a combination of ergotamine Tartrate and caffeine), which increases the risk of vasospasm leading to cerebral ischemia and/or ischemia of the extremities. Because of increased risk of serious vasospastic adverse events, concomitant use of these medications is contraindicated.” Information from Medscape

For more information, see the following web site

[www.medscape.com/viewarticle/444645?mpid=6249](http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/444645?mpid=6249).

**All Action taken by NPBOMEX by law must be added to the National Practitioner Data Bank**

**Letters of Concern Action Issued by NPBOMEX**

Physician	Board Action	Date	Effective
Dr. Laurence Grey 99-558 Complaint # 02-022	Letter of Concern issued. Physician may have signed blank prescription forms and left them where unauthorized persons were able to access them.		4/16/2002
Dr. Mario Galaburri 98-540 Complaint # 02-009	Letter of Concern issued. Physician knew or should have known than an unlicensed person in his practice used the protected title "Naturopathic Physician".		12/20/2001
Dr. Gary Dreger 96-469 Complaint # 99-001	Letter of Concern issued regarding lack of pre-examination procedures, range of motion exercises, communication with patient, hospitality towards the patient, past medical history relative to the spinal, cervical and thoracic problems before manipulation is performed.		1/31/2000
Dr. Eli Ber 01-630 Complaint # 02-034	Letter of Concern issued regarding a physical exam that may not have been consistent with naturopathic standards of practice. Patient's progress should have been monitored more closely. When the patient failed to improve, the treatment plan should have been modified or the patient referred.		9/19/2002

**Disciplinary Action Taken by NPBOMEX**

Physician	Board Action	Date	Effective
Dr. Steven Ehrlich 00-573 Complaint # 02-027	Consent Agreement and Order for Probation for one year from effective date. Non-compliance Continuing Medical Education. Unprofessional Conduct A.R.S. 32-1501 (22) (t)		4/11/02
Dr. Richard Putnam 93-443 Complaint # 02-028	Consent Agreement and Order for Probation for one year from effective date. Non-compliance Continuing Medical Education. Unprofessional Conduct A.R.S. 32-1501 (22) (t)		5/22/02
Dr. Lance Morris 85-372 Complaint # 03-004	Consent Agreement and Order for Suspension and Probation. License re-instated with 5 years probation. Unprofessional Conduct A.R.S. 32-1501 (25) (b), (e), (p), (r), (t), (nn)		10/10/02
Dr. Lance Morris 85-372 Complaint # 03-004	Findings of Public Emergency and Order of Summary Suspension. Unprofessional Conduct A.R.S. 32-1501 (22) (b), (e), (p), (r), (t), (nn)		8/5/02
Dr. Lance Morris 85-372 Complaint # 02-017	Consent Agreement and Order for Probation for five years from effective date. Unprofessional Conduct A.R.S. 32-1501 (22) (b) and A.R.S. 32-1501 (22) (e)		1/10/02
Dr. Lance Morris 85-372 Complaint # 99-003	Consent Agreement to Letter of Reprimand Issued. Unprofessional Conduct A.R.S. 32-1501 (22) (b), (g), (o), (p)		5/16/00
Dr. Daniel Koontz 72-261 Complaint # 72-261	Superior Court ordered revocation of license. License revoked		9/13/01
Dr. Michael Ancharski 82-339 Complaint # 01-013	Order for Probation for one year from effective date. Non-compliance Continuing Medical Education. Unprofessional Conduct A.R.S. 32-1501 (22) (t)		12/14/00